

EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Winchester Presbytery.

In view of the interest aroused in the last Assembly in evangelistic work and the appointment by the Assembly of a permanent committee on evangelistic work (pp. 34 and 47), attention is called to the following paper, presented to Winchester Presbytery at its late meeting:

Resolved, First, That the Presbytery, at its spring meeting each year, shall select six pastors—men who have gifts for holding evangelistic services—and direct them to give at least six weeks each, during the year, to holding evangelistic meetings, (a) in vacant and home mission churches, (b) in such other churches as they may be able to reach, to which they may be invited by pastors and Sessions to hold such meeting, the design being to hold such a meeting every two years in each church of the Presbytery. These six men, by conference and arrangement among themselves, to map out their own work under the general direction of a permanent committee on evangelistic work.

Second, That this committee shall arrange to have the pulpits of these six pastors filled by other members of the Presbytery at least four of the six Sundays they may be absent in filling the aforementioned evangelistic appointments, each church thereby giving an equal share of time (two Sundays a year) to this work. This committee shall make its assignments at the spring meeting of Presbytery and present the same for the approval of the Presbytery.

Sections three and four provide for meeting expenses and selecting the six pastors.

Moorefield, W. Va. C. D. G.

FOREIGN MISSION DEBT FUND.

Previously reported, \$14,939.33; Mrs. J. W. Jenkins, Kahoka, Mo., \$5; Mrs. W. H. Allen, Eros, La., \$5; L. A., First Presbyterian Church, Childress, Tex., \$1; "A Friend," Cooks Creek Church, Lexington Presbytery, Virginia, \$6.75; Mrs. J. A. Martin, Austin, Ark., \$3.20; W. M. Society, Maryland Avenue Church, Baltimore, (Ad.), \$1; "A Friend," \$1; Y. P. S. C. E., Belton, Texas, \$1; "A Friend" from Ridgeway, S. C., \$1; M. U. of El Paso Presbytery, Texas, \$5; Van Horn M. S., El Paso Presbytery, Union, Texas, \$5; Sale of claim given by lady in Texas, \$12; Mrs. M. V. Hannah, Hampden-Sidney, Va., \$1; Mrs. A. J. Lawrence, Menlo, Ga., \$2; Wilmington Presbytery, Union, N. C. (Add.): A. J. Howell, First Church, Wilmington, N. C. (C. O. sub.), \$2; Mrs. R. M. McIntire, First Church, Wilmington, N. C., \$1; Mrs. W. M. Sikes, Burgaw Church (C. O. sub.), \$2; Montgomery Presbyterial Union, Virginia (additional): Miss Amelia G. Bruce, Covington, Va., \$1; L. M. S. Bluefield, W. Va., \$3; Mrs. T. F. Hamner, Vinton, Va., \$1; Mrs. Archie Vaughan, \$1; Mrs. I. W. Vinyard, \$1; Mrs. G. C. Barrett, \$1; Mrs. J. M. Starritt, 50c; Miss May McCorkle, Salem, Va., 50c; W. F. M. S., Fincastle, Va. (add.), \$6; W. F. M. S., Second Ch., Roanoke, Va. (add.), \$1; W. F. M. S., Christiansburg, Va. (add.), \$7.25; M. S., Bluefield, W. Va. (add.), \$2; "A Friend," Montgomery Presbytery, 50c. Total, \$15,020.03.

Mamie D. Smith, Treas.

Petersburg, Va.

NEW ORLEANS PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of New Orleans met in Slidell, La., April 20. Sixteen ministers and thirteen ruling elders were present. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. Morrison Brown, the last moderator present, from Matthew 13:54. Ruling Elder Jno. W. Caldwell was elected moderator, and Rev. Morrison Brown, temporary clerk.

Corresponding Member: Rev. M. R. Paradis, French evangelist, whose work in the Teche country of the Presbytery is resulting in such success there, was invited to sit with the Presbytery as a corresponding member and gave a most interesting account of his work.

American Bible Society: Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker was heard as the representative of the American Bible Society.

The Garyville and Third, New Orleans, churches were given permission to continue to employ Rev. Messrs. Thomas and Summey as stated supplies, respectively.

Organization: A petition from sixteen persons at Kentwood, in Tangipahoa Parish, for the organization of a church was received and granted, and Rev. Dr. J. C. Barr was given evangelistic power in the case.

Overture: The Presbytery unanimously declined a proposition looking towards an overture to the Assembly on the "rotary eldership" question.

A "Calvin Meeting" was held. Admirable addresses on "Calvin, the Man," and "Calvin's Doctrinal System" were delivered by Rev. H. W. Burwell and Rev. Jno. W. Caldwell, Jr. Their publication was provided for.

Domestic Missions: The following were elected as the committee of Domestic Missions for the coming year: Rev. Messrs. George Summey, J. C. Barr, Jno. W. Caldwell, Jr., and C. L. Nourse, and Ruling Elder Henry Ginder, Jno. E. Rodd, and Wm. T. Hardie. The committee was directed to correspond with the Atlanta committee as to the manner of practical co-operation, to report to the Presbytery.

Mr. Jno. E. Rodd was re-elected treasurer of the Presbytery.

Rev. Dr. J. H. Nail was given leave to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until the next meeting.

Commissioners: Rev. H. W. Burwell and Ruling Elder Henry Ginder, principals; Rev. J. H. Nail, D. D., and Ruling Elder Wm. T. Hardie as alternates.

Next Meeting: The First church, New Orleans.

EAST HANOVER PRESBYTERY.

Presbytery met in Manchester, April 19. The reports from the churches and from the Executive Committees showed unusual activity and interest in all departments of work and life.

Commissioners: Principals, Rev. C. C. Hersman, D. D., Rev. F. W. Osborn, Ruling Elders J. S. Munce and Owsley Saunders; alternates, Rev. J. H. Heuderlitz, Rev. S. K. Winn, D. D., Ruling Elders D. D. Talley and Willis B. Smith.

Overture: Presbytery answered the Assembly's question in regard to a change in Confession of Faith, Chapter 10, section 3, in the negative.

A Calvin Celebration was held Friday night with addresses by Rev. Dr. J. P. Smith, Rev. Dr. G. B. Strickler and Rev. Dr. Theron Rice.

T. P. Epes, S. C.

RATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The Southeastern Passenger Association has authorized a round-trip excursion ticket from specified points to Savannah, on account of the General Assembly. On sale May 17, 18 and 19 and for trains scheduled to arrive in Savannah before noon of May 20; also for all trains May 24. Tickets will be good to leave Savannah, returning, up to and including, but not later than, midnight of June 2. Going trip must begin on date of sale indicated on each ticket by selling agent, and must be used by continuous passage to Savannah. Return trip must begin on the date stamped on back of ticket by agent at Savannah, and ticket must be used by continuous passage to original starting point. Tickets must be signed by purchasers in presence of selling agents at time of purchase, and that they may be honored for return passage, they must be stamped by authorized validating agents in Savannah. They must read by same route going and returning. Stop-overs will be allowed in accordance with the regulations of the carriers over whose lines the tickets read, as on file with the Interstate Commerce Commission.

Price of these round-trips is virtually three cents a mile, and only from specified stations, and at prices listed in circular of the Association, Joint Passenger Tariff, Excursion number, 4,021. The Atlantic Coast Line, the Central of Georgia, the Seaboard Air Line and the Southern railways will also sell at stations intermediate to those named in the tariff circular, the rate being the same as from next more distant station from which fare is shown in the published list. Rates are available to visitors as well as to commissioners. Children go at one-half rates.

It is important that each party intending to make this trip should, by inquiry well in advance, ascertain if the agent at his station is authorized to sell, and if not, inquire at some larger station near, and ascertain rate from that point. Any one writing to me for rate from his or nearby station, and letting me know his road, will receive information promptly.

It will be noticed that tickets will be on sale Monday, May 24. This is to accommodate visitors who wish to attend after Sabbath, or after the routine of the first few days, devoted to receiving and referring business, has been completed. This is the first time I have ever asked or the roads have ever given a special sale for the second week.

Application has been made to the Trans-Mississippi lines for union rates with the above, and results will be published as soon as secured.

Presbyterial treasurers will please send to me the assessments of their Presbyteries for the contingent fund of the General Assembly for 1909. The amount is one and one-half cents per communicant member in each Presbytery, as shown by the published rolls of 1908. See Minutes of 1908, p. 212.

W. A. Alexander, S. C.

After sixty years of public life, I hold more strongly than ever to the conviction, deepened and strengthened by long experience, of the reality, the measures, and the personality of God.—Gladstone.